

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 82
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A RESOLUTION to honor WGNS Radio upon their 50th anniversary and to commend them for many years of dedicated service to the community.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly of the State of Tennessee should recognize a powerful medium of public service that continually endeavors to provide both entertainment and information to the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, WGNS Radio of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, is entering its 50th year of broadcasting excellence as Rutherford County's first radio station; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Good Neighbor Station", WGNS has dedicated itself to quality programming that encompasses a broad spectrum of entertainment and information; and

WHEREAS, during the early years of WGNS, the station was an affiliate of the Liberty Radio Network and would feed its big band programs from the old Sewart Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, WGNS has won several community awards, including the Tennessee Education Association "School Bell Award" for its consistent coverage on education; and

WHEREAS, the station has been the area's official Atlanta Braves Baseball station for 16 years as well as the high school sports station for the past fifty years; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency named WGNS the "Station of the Year" for two consecutive years for developing information systems to inform the public of local emergencies or natural disasters; and

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WHEREAS, WGNS is the very epitome of a good corporate citizen; the station is a strong supporter of various charitable organizations, including the Red Cross, Crime Stoppers, the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce and numerous other local activities; and

WHEREAS, the radio station also sponsors the annual Christmas parade in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years of superlative programming and remarkable growth, it is certainly appropriate that this General Assembly should honor WGNS owner Bart Walker and the entire staff at WGNS and join with them as they celebrate this significant milestone in the station's history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we do hereby congratulate and honor WGNS Radio on their 50th year of operation and thank its employees for their exemplary service to Murfreesboro and Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.